

a metal film for a pseudo half mirror arranged on a rear surface of said face plate and including opening portions and non-opening portions;

wherein said metal film is made of aluminum.

4. (Amended) A fluorescent display device as defined in claim 2 or 3, wherein said opening portions and non-opening portions are arranged in a lattice-like manner.

5. (Amended) A fluorescent display device comprising:

a vacuum envelope constituted by a face plate, an anode-side substrate and side plates;

cathodes arranged between said face plate and said anode-side substrate; and

a metal film for a pseudo half mirror arranged on a rear surface of said face plate and including opening portions and non-opening portions;

wherein said metal film is formed with a void portion for confirming deposition of a getter thereon.

Please add new Claims 6 and 7 as follows:

6. (New) A fluorescent display device comprising:

a vacuum envelope constituted by a face plate, an anode-side substrate and side plates;

cathodes arranged between said face plate and said anode-side substrate; and

a metal film for a pseudo half mirror arranged on a rear surface of said face plate and including opening portions and non-opening portions;

wherein said metal film is partially varied in light transmittance.

7. (New) A fluorescent display device comprising:

a vacuum envelope constituted by a face plate, an anode-side substrate and side plates;

cathodes arranged between said face plate and said anode-side substrate; and

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a metal film for a pseudo half mirror arranged on a whole rear surface of said face plate and including opening portions and non-opening portions formed at a portion of said metal film corresponding to a display section of said fluorescent display device and a solid portion formed at a peripheral portion of said metal film corresponding to a scaling section of said face plate.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-7 are presently active in this case. The present amendment amends Claims 2-5 and cancels Claim 1. Claims 6 and 7 have been added by the present amendment. The above amendment shows the amended claims in clean form, the attachment shows a marked-up copy for the Examiner's convenience.

In the Official Action Claims 1, 2 and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as unpatentable over DuBois (U.S. 4,100,455). Claims 3 and 5 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if written in independent form including all the limitations of their base claim and any intervening claims.

In response to the rejection of Claims 1, 2 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) Applicants have canceled Claim 1 and rewritten Claim 3 in independent form including all the limitations of Claim 1. Accordingly, Claim 3 is believed to be in condition for allowance. Claims 2 and 4 by virtue of their dependency from Claim 3 are also considered to be allowable.

Further, Claim 5 is also amended to be rewritten in independent form, to also recite subject matter indicated as allowable in the Office Action.